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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IRAQI INTEREST IN USDA MIDDLE EAST SALES TEAM

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1. USINT LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING BROCHURES ABOUT VISIT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES BY USDA MIDDLE EAST SALES TEAM. WILL DEFER DECISION ON WHETHER AND TO WHOM TO SEND INVITATIONS TO VISIT TEAM PRODUCT DISPLAYS UNTIL MATERIAL RECEIVED AND STUDIED. FYI: WE DOUBT THAT ANY INTERESTED IRAQI BUYERS WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE TRAVEL FORMALITIES IN TIME VISIT DISPLAYS OUTSIDE IRAQ.

2. STRONGLY SUPPORT REFTEL'S SUGGESTION THAT INTERESTED MISSION MEMBERS, INCLUDING SHEPPARD AND STATE OF WASHINGTON OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH GROUP, VISIT BAGHDAD INDIVIDUALLY AFTER MISSION TERMINATES IN KUWAIT. DIMENSIONS OF IRAQI MARKET FOR PROCESSED FODS APPEAR IMPRESSIVE.

3. KEEP USINT ADVISED OF SALES TEAM'S WISHES AND LET US KNOW TRAVEL PLANS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. USINT ABLE TO HELP WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF ANY REPORTS ON RESULTS OF TEAM'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, BAHRAIN AND KUWAIT.

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